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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No. 09/695,443 )  
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For: Electronic Programmable Speed )  
Limiter )  
Filed: Oct. 24, 2000/June 19, 2001 )

Honorable Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
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**INQUIRY AS TO STATUS**

Accompanying this inquiry is an attached copy of a decision mailed Sept. 10, 2001, as denying applicants their justly due filing date of Oct. 24, 2000 and erroneously granting a filing date of June 19, 2001.

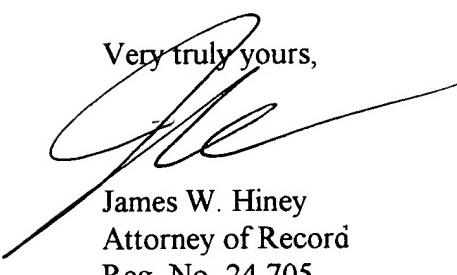
The Decision states that the case was returned to the Initial Patent Examination Division for further processing. That the decision was totally based on illogic and faulty reasoning is beside the point at this juncture. A check electronically of the status produced a record that the serial number, 09/695,443, has no status and that it has been cancelled.

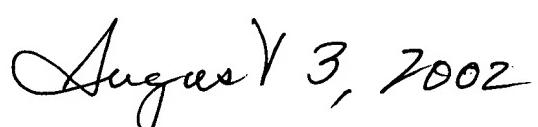
With the Patent Office falling into total disrepair, an opinion shared by most patent practitioners, one can only surmise what has happened to the application. It was supposed to be sent back to the Initial Patent Examination Division and be processed with the different filing date. One surmises that it was not. Where is it?

This inquiry is being sent to the Commissioner's Office in the hope that there might be someone there under the present administration that can QUICKLY reply to the undersigned with a response that means something and that a follow-up might be given to the appropriate examination group if it is found that the case has been sitting in someone's desk or coat closet. If the reader of this inquiry detects a level of frustration on the part of the undersigned that means that his or her mental faculties are still functioning....a condition that seems rare in the Patent Office.

Please send the undersigned a reply by either mail or facsimile within 10 days after receipt of this inquiry.

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